

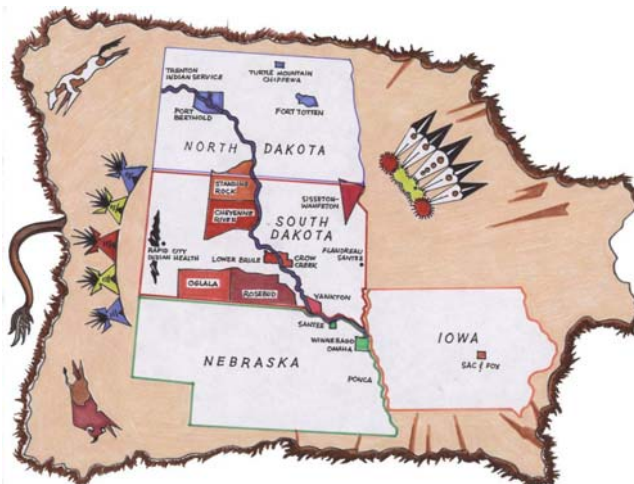
Northern Plains NARCH

The Northern Plains Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) Program is administered by the Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmen's Health Board (AATCHB). AATCHB is a tribal non-profit organization that provides advocacy, training, and technical assistance to improve the health of Northern Plains American Indians.

The Northern Plains NARCH Program is part of a national initiative established by the Indian Health Service. Through NARCH, American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribes or tribally-based organizations form partnerships with academic institutions to conduct intensive biomedical and behavioral research on existing and persistent AI/AN health problems. A major goal of the NARCH initiative is to increase the number and capacity of AI/AN professionals in the health field.

In addition to the scholarship program, the Northern Plains NARCH currently administers three research projects in collaboration with Northern Plains tribes:

- "Predicting insulin resistance in American Indian youth," (PI: Jennifer Larsen, MD, University of Nebraska Medical Center)
- "Screening for asthma among children in Northern Plains tribal communities." (PI: Kim Rodehorst, PhD, RNC, University of Nebraska Medical Center)
- "Mood disorder assessment in Northern Plains tribes." (PI: Jacque Gray, PhD, University of North Dakota)



Tribes of the Northern Plains

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
 Crow Creek Sioux Tribe
 Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe
 Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
 Oglala Sioux Tribe
 Omaha Tribe of Nebraska
 Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
 Rosebud Sioux Tribe
 Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi
 Santee Sioux Nation of Nebraska
 Sisseton/Wahpeton Oyate
 Spirit Lake Dakota Nation
 Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
 Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Tribes
 Trenton Indian Service Area
 Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa
 Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
 Yankton Sioux Tribe

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Scholarship Program for American Indians and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Students



Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmen's Health Board

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NORTHERN PLAINS NARCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarship Overview:

The purpose of this scholarship is to help support American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) students pursue an education in the health field. This scholarship is intended for students seeking a degree in a health-related area or for individuals currently working in tribal health and pursuing general education. Spring 2009 marks our fourth round of scholarship funding.

Eligibility and general review criteria:

- Applicants must be an enrolled member in a federally-recognized tribe. Priority will be given to members of tribes in North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Iowa.
- Applicants must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program.
- Applicants must be currently registered in a minimum of two courses (typically 6 credits). Students must have completed at least one semester of college; students for which Spring 2009 is their first semester are not eligible. Students in their final semester of their program are generally not funded.
- Priority will be given to students enrolled in a health-related field.
- Priority will be given to graduate students, upper-classman undergraduate students, and students that have demonstrated commitment to their program of study.
- Preference will be also be given to those who demonstrate interest specifically in health research.
- (For undergraduates) While we do not stipulate a minimum GPA, those with less than a 3.0 GPA should address their academic performance in the statement.

Application Deadline: applications must be received by mail by February 27, 2009.

This scholarship is open to everyone. New applicants, as well as those that received a Northern Plains NARCH scholarship in the past, are encouraged to apply. See Application Form for specific instructions.

Application Requirements:

- Spring 2009 Application Form (download form at www.aatchb.org/epi/narch.htm or contact Sayaka at epikanade@aatchb.org)
- Copy of tribal ID or proof of enrollment (not required for past recipients)
- Copy of transcript(s) (unofficial transcripts accepted); documentation must include your registered courses for Spring 2009.
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- Statement of Need (250 word maximum).

Scholarship information:

Scholarships in the amount of \$500-\$1,000, depending on academic level, will be awarded to approximately 20 applicants in Spring 2009. Award notifications will be made in March 2009. The scholarship may be applied to tuition, books, and living expenses. Funds will be provided directly to the students. Recipients are responsible for any applicable tax.

Applications should be mailed to:

Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmen's Health Board
Attn: DeAnne Swan, NARCH Assistant
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For general questions, including eligibility and application requirements, please contact:

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